

### **Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Original) An external preparation containing acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, which is used for treatment of skin or mucosal injury caused by a viral infection, together with an inhibition effect on a pain and pruritus at said affected part.
2. (Original) An external preparation containing acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, which is used for treatment of vesicle, sore or ulcer of skin and mucosa caused by a viral infection together with an inhibition effect on a pain or pruritus at said affected part.
3. (Currently amended) The external preparation according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the viral infection is due to valicella•zostervirus, herpes simplex virus or enterovirus.
4. (Original) An excellent external preparation containing acetylsalicylic acid, or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, which is used for treatment of a pain or pruritus at an affected part on skin or mucosal injury caused by a viral infection.
5. (Original) An excellent external preparation containing acetylsalicylic acid, or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, which is used for treatment of a pain or pruritus at an part of vesicle, sore, or ulcer of skin or mucosa caused by a virus infection.
6. (Currently amended) The excellent external preparation according to claim 4 ~~or~~ 5 wherein the virus infection is due to valicella•zostervirus, herpes simplex virus or enterovirus.

7. (Currently amended) The external preparation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein the concentration of acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof is 0.05 to 80% by weight.
8. (Original) A method for treatment of skin or mucosal injury caused by a viral infection by administering an effective amount of acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof to said affected part of a patient.
9. (Original) A method for treatment of vesicle, sore or ulcer of skin or mucosa caused by a viral infection, administering an effective amount of an external preparation containing acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof to said affected part of a patient.
10. (Currently amended) The method for treatment according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein the viral infection is due to varicella•zostervirus, herpes simplex virus or enterovirus.
11. (Original) A method for treatment of a pain and pruritus at skin or mucosal injury caused by a viral infection, administering an effective amount of an external preparation containing acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof to said part of a patient.
12. (Original) The method for treatment according to claim 11, wherein the viral infection is due to varicella•zostervirus, herpes simplex virus or enterovirus.
13. (New) The external preparation according to claim 2, wherein the viral infection is due to valicella•zostervirus, herpes simplex virus or enterovirus.
14. (New) The excellent external preparation according to claim 5 wherein the virus infection is due to valicella•zostervirus, herpes simplex virus or enterovirus.

15. (New) The external preparation according to claim 2 wherein the concentration of acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof is 0.05 to 80% by weight.
16. (New) The external preparation according to claim 3 wherein the concentration of acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof is 0.05 to 80% by weight.
17. (New) The external preparation according to claim 4 wherein the concentration of acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof is 0.05 to 80% by weight.
18. (New) The external preparation according to claim 5 wherein the concentration of acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof is 0.05 to 80% by weight.
19. (New) The external preparation according to claim 6 wherein the concentration of acetylsalicylic acid or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof is 0.05 to 80% by weight.
20. (New) The method for treatment according to claim 9, wherein the viral infection is due to varicella-zostervirus, herpes simplex virus or enterovirus.